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"(b) Seven thousand five hundred and fifty-three bales were allotted to the trade channels for distribution to weavers outside the co-operative fold, in addition to the free yarn available with mills.

"(c) The present quota fixed by Textile Commissioner under running release is 17,000 bales inclusive of free yarn sales allowed in respect of foreign cotton yarn and one-third of Indian cotton yarn.

"(d) This Government have already addressed the Government of India in the matter."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—"Are the Government aware of the fact that handloom weavers are unable to purchase even these small quantities of yarn due to the continuous slump in handloom cloth trade and may I ask how the Government propose to give immediate relief to the handloom weavers?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"Sir, the Government are aware of the slump in the trade. As the hon. Member knows, the Government have got a relief scheme by which the weavers are encourager to join primary co-operatives and take yarn, and also take a small fee for the work they do, and get relief."

Production of cotton yarn in the State.

* 322 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of bales of cotton yarn produced in Madras State;

(b) the number of bales allotted for handlooms;

(c) the number of handloom weavers in the State; and

(d) the approximate yardage woven by these handloom workers each year?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"(a) Forty-three thousand seven hundred and twelve bales (of 400 lbs. each) were produced in July 1952.

"(b) Ten thousand seventy-nine bales were allotted to handlooms in Madras State during the same month and in addition a good portion of the free yarn sales by mills would also have gone to feed the handlooms.

"(c) There are 885,957 handlooms in the State according to rough calculations, and probably double that number of weavers.

"(d) Approximately 400 million yards."

Expenditure on the Grow More Food Campaign in Malabar district.

* 323 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent on Grow More Food Campaign in Malabar district from 1943 to March 1952 in each year; and